

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q86691

Hironori ENDO

Appln. No.: 10/526,773

Group Art Unit: 2861

Confirmation No.: 2226

Examiner: Lamson D NGUYEN

Filed: March 8, 2005

For: LIQUID EJECTING DEVICE, COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND LIQUID EJECTING  
METHOD

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated January 28, 2008. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I for examination on which claims 1-9, 13, 14, 16-21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 are readable.

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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 10-12, 15, 22, 25 and 28.

Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for reply to the above-identified Office Action for an appropriate length of time, if necessary. Unless a check is attached, any fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is being paid via the USPTO Electronic Filing System, or if not paid through EFS, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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